

STATEMENT OF JACK QUINTE

I am a longtime resident of Elliot Lake.

I have operated several businesses in the Algo Centre Mall dating back to 2001.

A few years I had to give up active participation in the businesses because of personal health challenges but I have continued to support my wife in running the Hungry Jack's Restaurant in the food court.

Over the years I have been aware of the problems with the roof and leaks from the roof at the Algo Centre Mall, in fact I believe many people in Elliot Lake were aware of these problems.

About one year ago, a large piece of concrete came crashing through the roof of the Hungry Jack's Restaurant, narrowly missing my wife, Elaine.

We brought this dangerous situation to the attention of the mall management and the city of Elliot Lake.

We were not aware of any corrective action being taken by either, we also know that the Ministry of Labour was in the mall several times, but it did not seem to result in any effective corrective action.

The Hungry Jack's Restaurant was located immediately next to the area where the roof collapsed. I had just left the area myself a few minutes before the collapse occurred.

This is a great tragedy for the people of Elliot Lake, especially the two people that were killed, who of course were known to me and any other people in town.

We know it will be stressful to represent the victims of the collapse but we have agreed to take it on because we believe that the people who have suffered are entitled to fair compensation for what has happened.

There were many warnings that the roof was in a bad state of repair and something should have been done to prevent this terrible situation, which has been devastating to our family and to many others.